

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments merely correct formal matters and remove multiple dependencies in order to reduce the filing fees and to bring the claims into conformance with U.S. practice by removing multiple dependent claims that depend from multiple dependent
5 claims. No new subject matter has been introduced by way of these amendments.

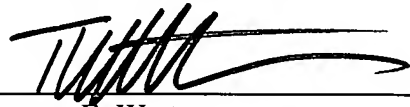
Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and solicits action to that end. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

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Respectfully submitted,

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